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To extend certain requirements and standards under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 to the legislative branch.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BYRNE introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committees on Education and Labor and House Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; PURPOSE.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Congressional Occupational Safety and Health Act”.

6 (b) PURPOSE.—It is the purpose of this Act to as-
7 sure, so far as is possible, that each employee of the legis-
8 lative branch is provided safe and healthful working condi-
9 tions.

1 **SEC. 2. COMPLIANCE.**

2 Each employing authority in the legislative branch
3 shall comply with the requirements of section 5 of the Oc-
4 cupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 and the occupa-
5 tional safety and health standards under section 6 of such
6 Act.

7 **SEC. 3. OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH EXPERT.**

8 The Comptroller General shall by contract procure
9 the services of a consultant, which shall be selected on the
10 basis of such consultant's training, expertise, and experi-
11 ence in matters relating to the identification and correc-
12 tion of workplace safety and health hazards, particularly
13 under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

14 **SEC. 4. FUNCTIONS.**

15 It shall be the function of the consultant—

16 (1) to disseminate, collect, and analyze appro-
17 priately designed checklists or information-gathering
18 forms, the purpose of which shall be to help evaluate
19 the degree to which workplaces within the legislative
20 branch are in compliance or noncompliance with the
21 requirements of section 5, and the standards of sec-
22 tion 6, of the Occupational Safety and Health Act
23 of 1970; and

24 (2) to provide technical assistance and informa-
25 tion, upon request, to persons within the legislative
26 branch with respect to the identification and correc-

1 tion of workplace safety and health hazards, and
2 other related issues.

3 **SEC. 5. REPORTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Information under section 4(1)—

5 (1) shall be collected on such periodic basis as
6 necessary to permit the timely preparation of reports
7 under this section;

8 (2) shall be analyzed with particular regard to
9 the degree to which any instances of noncompliance
10 previously identified under this Act have been miti-
11 gated or corrected; and

12 (3) shall be included in a written report, which
13 shall be made available for public inspection.

14 (b) FREQUENCY.—

15 (1) FIRST REPORT.—The first report under this
16 section shall be completed within 1 year after the
17 date of the enactment of this Act, or as soon there-
18 after as practicable.

19 (2) SUBSEQUENT REPORTS.—Subsequent re-
20 ports under this section shall be completed every 2
21 years thereafter.

22 **SEC. 6. BUDGET ACT COMPLIANCE.**

23 The authority to enter into any contract under this
24 Act shall be effective for any fiscal year only to such extent

1 or in such amounts as are provided in advance in appro-
2 priation Acts.

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